

Aug. 27, 2019

Item #20, Advanced Planning Six-Month Workplan

Motion:

1. Direct staff to terminate the "Corridors Plan" and to do no further work on this project.
2. Direct Planning staff to initiate a project to resolve the existing inconsistencies between the corridor related General Plan policies and the Zoning Ordinance by making General Plan and Zoning Ordinance changes as necessary to meet the following objectives: a) Preserve and protect residential neighborhood areas and existing City businesses, as the City's highest-level policy priority; and b) Encourage appropriate new residential and mixed-use development, specifically including enhanced affordable housing opportunities, at appropriate locations along the City's main transportation corridors.
3. Direct the Planning Director, as a first step in carrying out the Council's direction on this matter, to meet promptly with representatives of Save Santa Cruz and other community groups that have previously commented on the now-terminated Corridors Plan to seek agreement on possible changes to the General Plan and Zoning Ordinance that can achieve broad community support and that will allow the Council to achieve its objectives.
4. Direct the City Manager and Planning Director to report at the Council's second meeting in October 2019 with the results of the community meetings, proposed policy changes consistent with the Council's objectives, and a schedule for accomplishing the planning project specified in these directions.
5. Direct the City Manager to provide the Council with a monthly progress report on this matter, placed on the Council's regular meeting agenda. Each Council report shall request any further action or direction by the Council that the City Manager deems necessary to allow the Council to achieve the objective of adopting zoning code and General Plan changes, as outlined in this set of recommended actions, no later than November 2020.